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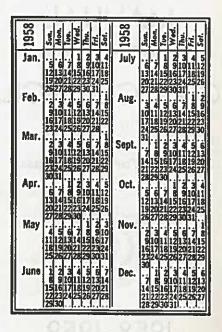
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City Council, 1958-1959

MAYOR

James D. O'Brien 4 Hawthorne St.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Andrew B. Holmstrom

43 Metcalf St.

MAYOR'S OFFICE STAFF

William J. O'Connell, Secretary Catherine J. Jocz, Assistant Secretary

COUNCILLORS

Joseph C. Casdin 12 Lenox St. Michael J. Favulli 105 Newton Ave. North Andrew B. Holmstrom 43 Metcalf St. Israel Katz 44 Moore Ave. Warren C. Lane, Jr. 12 Algonquin Rd. James D. O'Brien 4 Hawthorne St. John M. Shea 17 Coventry Rd. Robert X. Tivnan 69 Upsala St. George A. Wells 59 Clark St.

Robert J. O'Keefe, Clerk

City of Worcester

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 1958-1959

Finance-Entire City Council

Military Affairs—Councillors Shea, Wells and Lane.

Ordinances and Legislative Matters— Entire City Council.

Public Assistance — Councillors Favulli, Katz and Casdin.

Public Safety—Councillors Wells, Lane and Casdin.

Public Service—Councillors Shea, Katz and Tivnan.

Public Works—Councillors Holmstrom, Favulli and Casdin.

Traffic—Councillors Favulli, Lane and Tivnan.

Commerce and Industry — Councillors Casdin, Holmstrom and Shea.

City Officers

Under the Plan E form of government the City Manager shall make all appointments in the departments, commissions, boards and offices of the city, except as otherwise indicated.

City Manager

Elected by the City Council

Francis J. McGrath
John M. Coughlin, Budget Officer

Edward F. Donnelly,

Administrative Coordinator

City Clerk

By vote at City Election, Nov. 7, 1939, placed under Civil Service. Robert J. O'Keefe

Assistant City Clerks
Appointed by the City Council.
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.
First—Russell T. Ober
Second—Helen M. Defino

City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes
By vote at State Election Nov. 5, 1940,
placed under Civil Service.
Harold J. Tunison

City Solicitor

City Solicitor and four Assistants appointed for two years. Terms expire April 1, 1960. Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2, Sec. 35

Harry J. Meleski

First Assistant City Solicitor
Henry P. Grady
Second Assistant City Solicitor
Arthur F. Koskinas
Third Assistant City Solicitor
Andrew F. McCarthy
Fourth Assistant City Solicitor
Stanton H. Whitman

Claims Investigator
Appointed under Ordinance June 8, 1954
George Callahan

Workmen's Compensation Agent Appointed under G. L. Chap. 152 Sec. 75 Max Feldman

City Auditor

Elected by the City Council triennially. Term expires first Monday in January, 1959 Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2 Francis X. Powers

> Chief Accountant Bernard T. Lee City Messenger

Term expires January, 1959 Michael F. Walsh

Clerk of Committees
Robert J. O'Keefe,
City Clerk, ex-officio

Commissioner of Public Works
Term expires January, 1960
Vincent M. Hynes

Bureau of Engineering
Vincent M. Hynes,
Chief Engineer
Bureau of Public Buildings
Edward T. McCann, Supt.
Bureau of Street Lighting
Horace H. Bigelow, Supt.

Bureau of Sewers George E. MacDowell, Supt.

Bureau of Streets
John F. Donahue, Supt.

Bureau of Water Charles B. Hardy, Supt.

Purchasing Agent
Appointed under provisions of an ordinance passed April 20, 1950. (Now Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)
George A. Herpich

Assessors of Taxes
G. L. Chap. 41. Sec. 24.
Joseph W. Carney, Chairman
Term expires 1959
Alfred A. Bianchi, Clerk
Term expires 1960
Forrest O. Barr
Term expires 1961

Director of Veterans' Service
Appointed under G. L. Ch. 115, Sec. 10.
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 15.
Eulick F. Ward

Custodian of Tax Title Property G. L. Chap. 60, Sec. 77B. George J. Fox

City Physician

Appointed for term of three years. Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2. Dr. Carlo P. Benaglia Term expires Feb., 1960

Personnel Director

Appointed under the provisions of an ordinance passed Dec. 8, 1949. (Now Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

Eugene R. Gardiner
Term expires Sept., 1959

Inspector of Milk, Butter, Cheese, Lard and Vinegar

Appointed by the Board of Health, under Sec. 33 of Chap. 94 of the General Laws. George D. Melican

Sealer of Weights and Measures

lly rule of Civil Service Commissioners Senier and Deputy Seniers placed under Civil Service. G. L. Chap. 98, Sec. 34. Austin L. Kennedy

Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures

John W. Brotherton John Balkonus Edward L. McAuliffe John F. McLaughlin James E. Walsh John E. Hassett Timothy J. Reardon

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Dog Officer

Appointed annually in accordance with Chap. 140 of the General Laws.
Herbert W. Cooper

Fence Viewers

Appointed annually in accordance with Chap. 49 of the General Laws.
Stanford L. Strogoff
Joseph E. McGuire
Benjamin G. Strukus

Field Driver

Appointed annually in accordance with Chap. 49 of the General Laws. Leonard W. Russell

Pound Keeper

Appointed annually in accordance with Chap. 49 of the General Laws. Leonard W. Russell

Local Superintendent for the Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths

Appointed annually in January, in accordance with Chap. 132 of the General Laws.

John J. Nugent

Forest Warden

Appointed annually in January, in accordance with Chap. 48 of the General Laws.

Herbert F. Travers

Inspector of Animals

Appointed in March annually, pursuant to Sec. 15, Chap. 120, of the General Laws. James E. Masterson Engineers of the Fire Department See Chap. 144 of Acts of 1953 re. Civil Service. Appointed to hold office during good behavior. Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 5

Herbert F. Travers, Chief

Stephen J. Kelliher Deputy Chief John J. Corcoran Deputy Chief Francis P. Cavanaugh Deputy Chief

District Chiefs

Edward J. Foley
Oscar A. Lundquist
Archibald J. Marrino

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(vacancy)
James H. McKenna
Edward F. Hackett

Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph Arthur C. Fish

Administrative Assistant John J. Horgan

Chief of Police

Chief of Police and Deputles appointed under the provisions of an passed December 1, 1900, (now Chap. 13, Revised Ordinances of 1951), to hold office during good behavior.

Michael J. Boyle

Deputy Chiefs of Police
Daniel J. Sullivan, Inspector
Jeremiah T. O'Leary
Patrick F. Carroll

Board of Appeals

Constituted pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance (so called) passed Dec. 29, 1924 (now Chap. 21 of Revised Ordinances 1951). One member appointed in January. annually for three years.

George J. Abdella, Chairman
Term expired January, 1958

Arthur J. Lariviere
Term expires January, 1959
Carl Gordon
Term expires January, 1960
Alternate Member
Francis S. Bailey
Term expired January, 1957

Grievance Review Board

Appointed by City Manager.

Rev. Hubert S. Callaghan, S. J. Chairman
Dominic A. Marrone
Eugene R. Gardiner, Personnel Director
Ex-officio

Commissioner of Public Health

Appointed first Monday in January, in accordance with Chap. 181 of the Acts of 1953, for term of three years. Kenneth I. E. Macleod, M.D., M.P.H. Term expires first Monday January, 1959

Health Board

Appointed first Monday in January in accordance with Chap. 181 of the Acts of 1953, for terms of three years.
Raymond W. Gadbois, M.D.
Term expires 1961
Carlton B. Payson
Term expires 1961

Clarence Peterson, D.M.D.
Term expires 1959
Samuel Seder
Term expires 1959
William F. Henry
Term expires 1959

License Board

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 8 of the Revised Ordinances of 1951.
Herbert F. Travers, Chairman
Chief Engineer of the Fire Department
Robert J. O'Keefe
City Clerk
Edward T. McCann
Supt. Bureau of Public Buildings

Michael J. Boyle, Chief of Police Vincent M. Hynes Commissioner of Public Works Robert J. O'Keefe, Clerk

Off-Street Parking Board

Appointed in accordance with an ordinance passed July 10, 1951 for terms of four years.

Vacancy
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William A. Dean
Term expires July, 1958
Adelard W. Thibeault
Term expires July, 1959
Chief of Police
City Traffic Engineer
City Planning Director
Members ex-officiis

Planning Board

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 41, Sec. 81A of the Gen. Laws as amended. Members appointed annually for terms of five years. Edward Early, Chairman Lester W. West, Secretary
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Term expires June 1959
Thomas F. J. Dillon
Term expires June, 1960
Russell W. Anderson
Term expires June, 1961
Edward Early
Term expires June, 1962
Hyman Small

City Planning Director
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.
Robert A. Gordon, Acting

Term expires June, 1958

Board of Public Welfare

Appointed in accordance with an ordinance passed Jan. 18, 1950 amended Dec.
11, 1958 (now Chap. 15 of Revised Ordinances 1951) for terms of three years.

Mrs. Herbert Layport, Chairman
Term expires January, 1960
Edward A. Kennedy
Term expires January 1960
Ernest Hansen
Term expires January, 1959
Anna A. Sharry
Term expires January, 1959
Thomas P. O'Brien
Term expired January, 1958

James F. O'Neill Director of Public Welfare

Superintendent of Belmont Home

Elected by the Board of Public Welfare Ellery E. Royal

Registrars of Voters

Except the City Clerk, one member appointed in April, annually, for three years.

(G. L. Chap. 51.)

John E. Bjorkman

Term expires April 1, 1961

Robert F. Fitzgerald Term expires April 1, 1959 Anthony J. Stolulonis Term expires April 1, 1960 Robert J. O'Keefe, ex-officio Clerk

Worcester Retirement Board

Constituted pursuant to Chapter 32 of the General Lawa, Sects. 28 to 31 I (Accepted by the city May 8, 1944). One member appointed by the City Manager, one member of the system elected by the members. (G. L. Chap. 32, Sec. 31 F.)

Francis X. Powers, City Auditor ex-officio

W. Ellery Bright, Jr. (second member)
 Term expires Jan. 1, 1960

 Paul H. Fell, Chairman (third member)
 Term expires Dec. 31, 1960

Royal L. Shaw, Secretary

Sewerage Appeal Board

Two members appointed for terms of two years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 16.)

> Paul P. Spaulding Term expires April 30, 1960 Edward F. Donohue Term expired April 30, 1957 Ex-officiis

Vincent M. Hynes Commissioner of Public Works Kenneth I. E. Macleod, M.D., M.P.H. Commissioner of Public Health Harry J. Meleski, City Solicitor

Airport Commission

Appointed under the provisions of Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1946, for terms of three years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

Robert W. Stoddard, Chairman
Term expires June, 1958
Timothy S. Shea
Term expires June, 1960
Frederic W. Howe, Jr.
Term expires June, 1960
Thomas F. Killeen
Term expires June, 1958
Henry E. Prunier
Term expires June, 1959
John W. Coghlin
Term expires June, 1959
Ralph F. Gow
Term expires June, 1959

Great Brook Valley Commission

(Appointed March 6, 1951.)
Vacancy
G. Adolph Johnson
Robert S. Heald
William J. Regan
Mrs. Norman L. Sharfman

Commissioners of Hope Cemetery

One member appointed annually, for three years. (Revised ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

Timothy J. Flaherty, Chairman

Term expires January, 1959

Bradley B. Gilman

Term expires January, 1961

Clayton B. Angell

Term expires January, 1961

George F. Abdella

Term expires January, 1960

William F. Foster

Term expires January, 1959

Frank J. Jaston, Superintendent

Insurance Commission

Established by Ordinance passed Jan. 27, 1941. One member appointed for term of two years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)
Percy D. Betterley
Term expires January 31, 1959
Ex-officiis
Francis X. Powers, City Auditor
Edward T. McCann, Supt. Bureau of

Commissioners of the Jaques Fund and Other Funds of the City Hospital

One member appointed annually, for three years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 4.)

Anthony J. Karpawich, Chairman Term expires January 1, 1960

George M. Abodeely
Term expires January 1, 1959

James P. Loughlin
Term expires January 1, 1959

Harold J. Tunison, Treasurer

Lake Quinsigamond Commission

Two members appointed in accordance with Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1936 for terms of three years.

Walter J. Moossa, Chairman Term expires Jan. 1959 Dr. Alfred N. Belisle Term expires 1958 Chief of Police (ex-officio)

License Commission

One member appointed in January, in accordance with Chap. 461 of the Acts of 1914, for terms of four years.

Charles F. Donnelly, Chairman Term expires January 1, 1962

James F. Mattimore
Term expires January 1, 1961
Henry C. Alarie
Term expires January 1, 1960

Public Buildings

Parks and Recreation Commission

Appointed in accordance with Chapter 204, of the Special Acts of 1917, for terms of three years.

Albert J. Agbay, Chairman Term expires May, 1958 Mrs. Lillian N. Shea, Secretary Term expires May, 1960 Everett S. Baroni Term expires May, 1961 William J. Regan Term expires May, 1959 M. Joseph Stacey Term expires May, 1959 Francis J. Logan Term expires May, 1959 Philip G. Haddad Term expires May, 1960 Director and Executive Officer

John J. Nugent Traffic Advisory Commission

Established by Ordinance passed March 20, 1951. Appointed for terms of two years.

Michael J. Boyle
A. Wallace Gove
Michael J. Favulli
Judge Walter D. Allen
Henry P. Grady
Robert A. Gordon
Nelson P. Wood
Norman L. Sharfman
Howard B. Jefferson
Andrew B. Holmstrom

Carl R. Engel
Harold F. Murphy
Stephen A. Bergin
William F. Brennan
Vacancy

Executive Committee
Michael J. Favulli,
Chairman Traffic Committee
Michael J. Boyle
A. Wallace Gove
Judge Walter D. Allen
Nelson P. Wood

Civil Defense Department
(Appointed by City Manager Jan. 13, 1953.)
Fred J. Maloney, Director
Edward J. Purcell, Chief of Operations
Prof. Hobart H. Newell,
Electronics Consultant

Alice M. Morrissey, Radio Officer Phyllis McCarthy, Secretary

Directors of the Free Public Library

Two members recommended by City Manager and chosen by City Council, in December annually, for a term of six years from the first day of January next ensuing.

(Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 14.)
Dr. Joseph W. Riordan, President
Term expires 1959
Rose Rhodes, Secretary
Term expires 1959
Dr. Howard B. Jefferson
Term expires 1964

Very Rev. William A. Donaghy, S. J. Term expires 1964

Robert N. Scola	Term	expires	1960
Stanley J. Jablonski	64	44	1960
Jacob J. Kressler	64	44	1961
Matthew R. McCann, Jr	. 14	64	1961
John J. Brosnan, Jr.	16	64	1962
Ralph E. Duffy	46	44	1962
Mrs. James C. McCann	44	44	1963
Mrs. Robert S. Heald	44	44	1963

Thurston Taylor, Librarian

Medical Panel

To examine petitioners applying for pensions under G. L. Chap. 32, Sec. 77.

Dr. Michael B. Fox, Chairman

Dr. Wilfred D. MacDonald

Dr. Merle S. Bacastow

Trustees of the Aaron and Lucretia Bancroft Scholarship Fund

One member recommended by the City
Manager and chosen by City Council, biennially, for alx years.

Dr. John J. Goldsberry
Term expires January 31, 1961

Percy H. Harris
Term expires February, 1963

Harry J. Meleski Term expires January 31, 1959

Trustees of the Worcester City Hospital

Appointed annually, for three years in accordance with Chap. 286 of Acts of 1953.

Thomas J. Early, President Term expires 1961 Archibald R. LeMieux, Vice President

Term expires 1960
Cosimo J. Toscano, Secretary

Term expires 1959
Israel Joseph
Term expires 1959

Dr. John W. O'Meara Term expires 1959

N. Myra (Glazier) Kenney Term expires 1960 Jeremiah T. Shea Term expires 1961

Theodore Austin, Superintendent John B. Hughes, Asst. Supt. James F. McFadden, Asst. Supt. Adrian R. Latour, Asst. Supt.

Trustees for G.A.R. Memorial Hall

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 282 of the Acts of 1930. Appointed to serve for terms of three years,

> Thomas F. Foley, Chairman Term expires November 24, 1959 Alice K. Kallman, Clerk Term expires November 24, 1960

George J. Cross
Term expires November 24, 1958
George F. Fuller
Term expires November 24, 1960
Dr. George C. Dowd
Term expires November 24, 1959

Trustees of Independent Industrial Schools

Constituted pursuant to an ordinance passed February I, 1950. Members appointed for terms of three years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

> John J. Ladden, President Term expires 1961 John A. S. Peterson, Clerk Term expires 1960

George F. Wright Term expires 1961
Norman L. Sharfman " " 1959
James F. Molloy " " 1960

Trustees of Joseph and Mary Jackson Scholarship Fund

One member recommended by City Manager and chosen by City Council in accordance with the will of Mary Jackson, for terms of five years.

Ragnar W. Gustafson
Term expires December, 1960
Dr. Arthur D. Ward
Term expires December 1961
Jack Ela Tracy
Term expires December 1962

Trustees of Municipal Memorial Auditorium

Appointed under provisions of Chap. 41. Sec. 105 of General Laws, for terms of three years.

Albert E. Hall, Chairman
John T. Sheehan, Secretary
Withold A. Bernot
Term expires June, 1960
Albert E. Hall
Term expires June, 1958
James J. Redican
Term expires June, 1958
John A. Dowd
Term expires June, 1959
Charles Kotsilibas Davis
Term expires June, 1959
Francis J. McGrath, City Manager
Ex-officio

Housing Authority

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 484 of the Acts of 1938, (now G. L. 121, Sec. 261 C and 28 L also Acts 1951, Chap. 322). Four members appointed by the City Manager and one member appointed by the Housing Board. To serve for terms of five years.

Samuel J. Donnelly, Chairman
Luther C. Small
Executive Director and Secretary
Members appointed by City Manager
Leslie S. Berry (resigned) April 4, 1958
Vacancy
Term expires November 2, 1959

Jeremiah F. Gallo
Term expires November 2, 1960
Samuel J. Donnelly
Term expires November 2, 1962
Thomas J. Finn, Jr.
Term expires November 2, 1958
Member appointed by State Housing Board
Lawrence H. Fisher
Term expires November, 1961

Worcester Redevelopment Authority

Constituted in accordance with G. L. Chap.
121, Sec. 26 QQ.
Raymond P. Harold, Chairman
Term expires April, 1962
Milton P. Higgins
Term expires April, 1961
H. Ladd Plumley
Term expires April, 1959
Jeremiah T. Shea
Term expires April, 1963
Member appointed by State Housing Board
John C. Burns
Term expires April 15, 1960

Trustees of Trust Funds

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1951. One appointed in January, annually, for two years.

Edward Medlinsky
Term expires February 1, 1959
Francis J. Kittredge
Term expires January, 1960
Secretary and Treasurer
Harold J. Tunison

Trustees of World War Memorial

Constituted pursuant to an ordinance passed January 21, 1935. (Now Chap. 2 of Itevised Ordinances of 1951). Members appointed annually for terms of three years.

Joseph W. O'Connor, Chairman
Term expires February, 1961
Frank R. Crotty, Secretary
Term expires February, 1960
Paul V. Mullaney
Term expires February, 1961
J. Albert Banks
Term expires February, 1959
Alfred E. Rankin
Term expires February, 1960
James D. O'Brien, Mayor
Ex-officio

Trustees of World War Veterans Memorial Fund

Constituted pursuant to order of City Council adopted March 27, 1933. Appointed under provisions of Sec. 105, Chap. 41 of General Laws, for terms of three years.

Eugene A. Sullivan
Term expires April, 1960
Paul W. Glennon
Term expires April, 1958
George F. Power
Term expires April, 1958
Ralph U. Cross
Term expires April, 1959

Thomas F. Foley
Term expires April, 1959
James D. O'Brien, Mayor
Ex-officio

 To fill unexpired term caused by death of Harrison G. Taylor.

School Committee

James D. O'Brien, Chairman Helen A. Bowditch, Vice-Chairman Henry C. Borger, Jr. James P. Diggins Herman J. Dumas John J. Melican Elton R. Yasuna

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Leo T. Doherty

Assistant Superintendents

Leo Ivok
James W. McKenna

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Raymond L. Divoll

MAYORS

The state of the s
Levi Lincoln
*Henry Chapin 1849-50, 70 Died Oct. 13, 1878
Peter C. Bacon
John S. C. Knowlton 1853-4 Died June 11, 1871
George W. Richardson
Isaac Davis
Alexander H. Bullock
William W. Rice
P. Emory Aldrich
D. Waldo Lincoln
Phinehas Ball
†James B. Blake 1866-7-8-9-70 Died December 18, 1870
*Elected Mayor, ad interim, by the City Council, in joint convention, December 10, 1870 to fill the vacancy caused by the de- cense of Jumes B. Binke. †Elected for the sixth time, December 12, 1870. Died December 18, 1870.

Edward Earle
George F. Verry
Clark Jillson
Edward L. Davis
Charles B. Pratt
Frank H. Kelley
Elijah B. Stoddard
Samuel E. Hildreth
Charles G. Reed
Samuel Winslow
Francis A. Harrington 1890-1-2 Died August 28, 1922
Henry A. Marsh
Augustus B. R. Sprague 1896-7 Died May 17, 1910
Rufus B. Dodge, Jr 1898-9-1900 Died December 13, 1935
fly reason of a tie vote for Mayor at the election of December, 1900, whereby there was no choice. Rufus H. Dodge, Jr.,

Philip J. O'Connell
Edward F. Fletcher 1902-3
Died December 18, 1943
Walter H. Blodget 1904-5
Died January 6, 1923
John T. Duggan 1906-7
Died September 5, 1927
James Logan 1908-9-10-11
Died November 30, 1929
David F. O'Connell 1912
David F. O'Connell
George M. Wright 1913-14-15-16
George M. Wright 1913-14-15-16 Died January 7, 1926
Pehr G. Holmes 1917-18-19
Pehr G. Holmes 1917-18-19 Died December 19, 1952
Peter F. Sullivan 1920-21-22-23
Died May 21, 1931
Michael J. O'Hara 1924-5-6-7-8-9-30-1
Died February 3, 1946
John C. Mahoney 1932-3-4-5
Died July 12, 1946
Walter J. Cookson 1936
Died June 11, 1936
*John S. Sullivan 1936-7
Died April 12, 1949
William A. Bennett 1938-9-40-1-2-3-4-5
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan 1946-7-8-9
Andrew B. Holmstrom 1950-51-52-53
James D. O'Brien 1954-55-56-57-58-59
*Elected Oct. 6, 1936 to fill vacancy
caused by the decease of Walter J.
Cookson.

WORCESTER

"Heart o	if the	Commo	awealth"
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First settled in 1674, named and resettled 1684. Permanently settled, 1713. Incorporated as a town 1722, as a city 1848. Area, 38.41 square miles, or about 24,634

acres. Average length 6.4 miles, width 6.0 miles.

Dwellings April, 1949, 25,972; 1950, 29,174; 1951, 27,490; 1952, 27,426; 1953, 28,482; 1954, 28,640; 1955, 28,719; 1956, 29,280; 1957, 29,755.

Valuation:

1949\$308,786,000 1950 \$310,624,200 1951 \$319,472,700 1952 \$326,018,350 1953 \$331,255,700 1954 \$334,434,550 1955 \$340,437,150 1956 \$343,673,400 1957 \$347,774,950 Tax exclusive of polls:

1949 \$12,660,226.00 1950 \$15,158,460,96 1951 \$15,589,640.68 1952 \$16,561,732.18 1953 \$16,562,785.00 1954 \$17,390,596,60

1955 \$19,064,480.40 1956 \$21,307,750.80

1957 \$22,535,816.76 Rate of taxation per \$1,000: 1949, \$41.00; 1950, \$48.80; 1951, \$48.40; 1952, \$50.80; 1953, \$50.00; 1954, \$52.00; 1955, \$56.00; 1956, \$62.00; 1957, \$64.80.

Assessed polls: male, 1949, 65,174; 1950, 64,299; 1951, 63,581; 1952, 63,610; 1953. 62,037; 1954, 62,294; 1955, 61,549; 1956, 61,181; 1957, 57,720.

Registered Voters (male and female): 1950, 104,947; 1951, 101,386; 1952, 108,465; 1953, 103,313; 1954, 101,481; 1955, 97,459; 1956, 101,977; 1957, 97,150.

Vote for President: 1940, 90,044; 1944; 83,931 and 152 Federal War Ballots; 1948, 94,461; 1952, 97,421; 1956, 50,853.

Vote for Governor: 1946, 72,891; 1948, 94,461; 1950, 82,666; 1952, 96,341; 1954, 41,208; 1956, 49,890.

Vote for Mayor; 1943, 53,492; 1945, 58,874; 1947, 69,653.

Vote for Councillors (Plan E): 1949, 74,708; 1951, 58,573; 1953, 56,766; 1955, 63,804; 1957, 61,460.

State Election, November 4, 1958 Municipal Election, November 3, 1959 Miles of Public Streets, 325.05

Miles of Paved Streets, 105.36 Miles of Asphalt Sidewalks, 147.5 Miles of Granolithic Sidewalks, 136.5

35,000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights 21,000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights

15,000	Lumen	Mercury	Vapor	Lights	337
11,000	Lumen	Mercury	Vapor	Lights	183
6,800	Lumen	Mercury	Vapor	Lights	20
3,300	Lumen	Mercury	Vapor	Lights	234
21,400	Lumen	Fluoresco	nt Ligi	nts	4
12,000	Lumen	Incandes	ent Lig	hts	459
6,000	Lumen	Incandeso	ent Lig	hts	1440
2,500	Lumen	Incandes	ent Lig	hts	174
1,000	Lumen	Incandes	cent Li	ghts	5529
3	Welsback	h Gas Li	ghts		443
Police Dept	Officers	s, exclusi	ve of ice, 359	Chief	and

Permanent Firefighters, exclusive of Board of Engineers, 442.

Police Signals, 78.

CITY HALL

Corner stone laid September 12, 1896.
Dedication exercises, April 28, 1898.
Occupied May 1, 1898.
Length, 219 feet; width, 85 feet.
Heights from grade line to top of cornice, 65 feet; to top of tower, 205 feet.
Cost of Building, \$590,000. Furnishings, \$38,000. Grading, etc., \$22,000. Total \$650,000.
Architects, Peabody & Stearns, Boston.
Builders, Norcross Brothers, Worcester.

PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Public Parks	Acreage
Beaconsfield Rd. Sq.	1.24
Boyce Sq.	.18
Boynton	114.66
Brooks, John Hapgood Sq.	.12
Burncoat	41.51
Cascades	34.7
*Chandler Hill	81.288
Columbus	8.01
Common	4.8
Crompton	14.81
Dodge	13.
Elm	88.
Fairmount	.95
Flagg St. Sq.	.32
Grant Sq.	1.55
Green Hill Hadwen	501.439
Institute	50.14
Lake	24.62
	82.88
Middle River	8.1
Morgan	11.2
Old Normal School Property	.051
Oread Castle	3.123
Ramshorn Island	1.5
Salisbury-Bancroft Tower	19.99
University	13.7
	1,121.881

*Fee in the Commonwealth

Public Playgrounds	Acreage
Apricot St.	2.39
Beaver Brook	16.30
Bell Pond	3.5
Bennett Field	5.673
Burncoat St.	1.26
Banis, Jos. & Paul Play Area	.467
Coes Pond	1.86
Cookson Field	18.63
Great Brook Valley Play Area	6.96
Greenwood	14.95
Harrington	6.
Holmes Field	8.
Indian Lake	1.63
Kendrick	14.87
Lake View	1.2
Logan Field	11.28
Mulcahy Field	3.44
North St. Lots	.977
O'Brien, Lt. Martin	.689
Rockwood Field	15.78
Shale St.	.777
South Worcester	4.87
Vernon Hill	16.43
Wetherell Est.	12.33
THE REAL PROPERTY.	170.263
TOTAL ACREAGE	1,292,144

RESERVOIRS

Area in acres, elevation above City Hall and Storage Capacity

High Service Reservoirs

Lynde Brook, 132 acres; 342.75 feet, 717.422,000 gallons.

Kettle Brook, No. 1, 15 acres; 364.35 feet, 19,307,000 gallons.

Kettle Brook, No. 2, 30.36 acres; 507.5 feet, 127,310,000 gallons.

Kettle Brook, No. 3, 37.41 acres; 559 feet, 152,306,000 gallons.

Kettle Brook, No. 4, 118.51 acres; 604.73 feet, 513,746,000 gallons.

Low Service Reservoirs

Holden, No. 2, 52.63 acres; 237.80 feet, 257,398,000 gallons.

Holden, No. 1, 130 acres; 269.85 feet, 729,319,000 gallons.

Kendall, 171.82 acres; 333 feet, 792,163,000 gallons.

Pine Hill, 350.9 acres; 429 feet, 2,970,967,-000 gallons.

Quinapoxet, 280 acres; 250 feet, 1,200,000,-000 gallons.

Elevation of Main Street at City Hall, above tide water, 481 feet.

Water pressure at City Hall (high service), 145 pounds per square inch.

Water pressure at City Hall (low service), 90 pounds per square inch.

WATER STATISTICS

Miles of Main Pipe	499.142
Miles of Service Pipes in	260.006
Use	369.886
Number of Service Pipes	34,129
Fire Hydrants	4,511
Gates	6,984
Meters	34,200
Total Valuation of Water	
Works to Dec. 31, 1957	\$23,056,426,43

SEWER STATISTICS

Miles of Sanitary Sewers	258.936
Miles of Combined Sewers	71.209
Miles of Surface Sewers	221.876
Total Miles of Sewers	552.011
Number of Manholes	15,454
Number of Catch Basins	10,207
Number of House Connections	40,300
Number of Miles of House	0.75
Connections	378.26
Gallons of Sewage for fiscal year ending December 31, 1957	9,084.69
Total cost of sewerage system December 31, 1957 \$31,1	16,833.78

POPULATION OF WORCESTER

1722— 200	1885— 68,389
1765— 1,475	1890 84,655
1775— 1,925	1895— 98,767
1790— 2,095	1900—118,421
1800 2,411	1905—128,135
1810— 2,577	1910—145,986
1820— 2,962	1915—162,697
1830— 4,172	1920—179,754
1840— 7,497	1925—190,757
1850 17,049	1930—196,837
1860— 24,960	1935—190,471
1865— 30,058	1940—193,402
1870— 41,105	1945—198,741
1875 49,317	1950—203,486
1880— 58,291	1955—202,612

Year	Births Recorded	Marriages Recorded	Deaths Recorded
1935	3501	1652	2732
1936	3420	1783	2874
1937	3663	1928	2932
1938	3661	1756	2740
1939	3616	2152	2735
1940	3884	2537	2927
1941	4241	3058	2896
1942	5241	2748	3044
1943	5124	1937	3079
1944	4618	1747	2940
1945	4565	2081	3005
1946	6054	3171	3002
1947	6581	2942	2952
1948	5908	2661	3019
1949	5893	2266	2849
1950	5771	2255	2841
1951	6205	2289	3002
1952	6370	2122	3031
1953	6352	2105	3052
1954	6452	1946	2944
1955	6522	1951	3066
1956	6522	1984	3008
1957	6864	1848	3077

RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Worcester, Massachusetts

Rule 1. At all meetings of the City Council five (5) Councillors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CHAIR

Rule 2. On the first Monday of January, following the regular municipal election, the city council shall, by a majority vote of all the members elected, elect a mayor from its own members who shall preside at all meetings of the city council and perform such other duties as are prescribed in section one hundred (100) of Chapter 43 of the General Laws, and any acts in amendment thereof or supplementary thereto. The City Council shall, in like manner, elect a vice-chairman.

Rule 3. The mayor shall take the chair at the hour to which the city council has adjourned and call the members to order. In the absence of the mayor, the vice-chairman of the city council shall preside and, in the absence of both, a temporary chairman shall be chosen, who shall serve during the absence of both the mayor and vice-chairman.

Rule 4. He shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order, in preference to other members; shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the city council, regularly seconded; and no other business shall be in order till the question on the appeal shall have been decided. The question shall be put as follows: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the city council?" The vote shall be by roll call, and it shall be decided in the affirmative unless a majority of the votes are to the contrary.

Rule 5. He shall declare all votes. If any member doubts the vote, the chair, without further debate upon the question, shall require the members voting in the affirmative and negative, respectively, to rise and stand until counted, and shall declare the results; but no such declaration shall be made unless a quorum of the city council has voted.

Rule 6. All final votes of the city council on questions involving the expenditure of fifty dollars or more, or upon the request of any member any vote of the city council shall be by yeas and nays and shall be entered on the records.

Rule 7. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by a standing committee of the city council, such order or resolution shall upon presentation be referred to such committee.

All petitions, remonstrances, memorials, communications or any matter before the City Council may be referred as follows:

- To a standing committee of the city council.
- 2. To a special committee of the city council.
- 3. To the City Manager.
- 4. To any department or department head, or any person, group or organization to whom referral is permitted, authorized or allowed under the provisions of the Plan E Charter and under applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Rule 8. The chair shall put all questions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature, except that in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

After a motion has been put by the chair, it shall not be withdrawn, except by unanimous consent.

Rule 9. When a question is under debate the chair shall receive no motion, but

To adjourn
To lay on the table
For the previous question
To postpone to a certain day
To refer
To amend
To postpone indefinitely

which several motions shall have precedence in the above order. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of an ordinance shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at anytime, except upon immediate repetition, and that motion, the motion to lay on the table, the motion to take from the table, and the motion for a previous question shall be decided without debate.

Rule 10. The previous question shall be put in the following form: "Shall the main questions be now put?" and all further amendments or debates of the main question shall be suspended until the previous question is decided.

Rule 11. When two or more members rise at once, the chair shall name the member who is entitled to the floor.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Rule 12. Every member, when about to speak shall rise and respectfully address the

chair, and wait until he is recognized; shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

Rule 13. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising to a call to order for explanation.

Rule 14. No member shall vote on any question, or serve on any committee, where his private interest is immediately concerned distinct from that of the public.

Rule 15. Every member present when a question is put shall vote unless the city council for special reasons excuses him. Application to be so excused on any question must be made before the city council has decided, or before the calling of the yeas and nays; and such application shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons and shall be decided without debate.

Rule 16. A question having been taken, it shall not be in order for any member to move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting, but a motion to reconsider may be made at the next meeting, provided written notice of such motion shall be filed with the city clerk within thirty-six hours; but no more than one motion for reconsideration of any vote shall be entertained.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Rule 17. Regular meetings of the city

council shall be held weekly on Friday afternoons at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

During the months of July and August, one meeting each month. They shall be held in the council chambers.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Rule 18. The mayor, or vice-chairman of the city council, or any four members thereof, may at any time call a special meeting by causing written notices, stating the time and purpose of holding such meeting and signed by the person or persons calling the same, to be delivered in hand to each member of the city council, or left at his usual dwelling place, at least twelve hours before the time of such meeting.

Meetings of the city council may also be held at any time when all members of the city council are present and consent thereto. (G. L., c. 43, s. 98.)

Rule 18A. An item not on the calendar of a regular or special meeting shall not be considered nor acted upon in the event that there is one vote in objection thereto.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 19. At every regular meeting of this city council the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the records, if requested by the City Council.

- 2. Communications from the City Manager.
- 3. Public Hearings.
- 4. Under the provisions of Chapter 43, Section 98 of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, citizens and employees of the city shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting of the City Council in regard to any matter considered thereat; the time allowed for each person and employee shall be limited to ten minutes on each matter upon which they wish to express their opinion unless the City Council shall by vote allow additional time on such matter.
- Presentation of petitions, memorials, and remonstrances.
- Communications and reports from city officers.
- 7. Reports of committees.
- 8. Motions, orders, or resolutions.
- Unfinished business of preceding meetings.
- 10. Motions for reconsideration.

Rule 20. The seats of the members of the city council shall be numbered, and determined by lot; and no member shall change his seat but by permission of the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Rule 21. All petitions, memorials or remonstrances addressed to the city council shall be filed with the city clerk and presented by the chair or by a member in his place who may explain the subject thereof.

No petition, remonstrance, resolution or other communication, submitted by any improvement association, civic society, club or other unincorporated organization, or its officers, shall be considered by the city council or printed in its proceedings unless such organization shall have filed with the city clerk a statement sworn to by one of its officers, specifying the number of members in good standing, the time and place of meeting and a list of the officers for the current year.

Rule 22. All papers of whatever description which may require action by the city council, shall be presented to the City Clerk not later than 2 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the day of each regular meeting. Papers presented after that hour on such day will not be considered until the next meeting.

That the meetings of the Committees on Finance and Ordinances shall be held following the regular meetings of the City Council, and no action is to be taken on recommendations or action taken by the said

committees on Finance and Ordinances until the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Rule 23. The City Clerk shall prepare a list of all matters to come before the City Council at each meeting in accordance with the established order of business and shall mail to the residence of each Councillor a copy of the same not later than twenty-four hours prior to said meeting.

Rule 24. The City Clerk is authorized by these rules to order and publish notice of hearings on petitions presented to him requiring public hearings before the Council.

Rule 24A. A petition for annuity to be paid under Section 89 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be placed on file unless it shall be accompanied by a medical certificate, certifying that the death of the applicant's husband was causally related to his employment in the Police or Fire Department of the City of Worcester.

A petition for annuity to be paid under Section 89 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be placed on file if it is received within six months after a petition for an annuity to be paid to the same persons has been denied by the City Council or within six months after a board of physicians created under the provisions of said Section 89 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws has

refused to issue to the City Treasurer the certificate required by said section.

A petition for increase of pension under the provisions of Section 90A of Chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be placed on file if it is not accompanied by a medical certificate certifying that the disability of the petitioner at the time of his retirement was causally related to his employment as an employee of the City of Worcester.

A petition for increase of pension under the provisions of Section 90A of Chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be placed on file if it is received within two years after a petition for increase of pension to be paid the same person has been denied by the City Council.

Rule 25. There shall be appointed standing committees of the City Council as follows:

- Committee on Finance, to consist of the mayor and eight (8) councillors, to consider all matters of appropriations and loans, and in general any matters affecting the financial interests of the city; to consider all official bonds.
- Committee on Ordinances and Legislative Matters to consist of the mayor and (8) councillors.

- Committee on Public Service, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all complaints that may be sent to the city council against public service corporations, and to consider all matters affecting lighting system.
- Committee on Public Safety, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to police, fire and public health.
- Committee on Traffic, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to traffic conditions.
- Committee on Public Works, to consist of three (3) councillors to consider all matters pertaining to streets, water, sewers, public buildings and engineering.
- Committee on Military Affairs and Veterans' Service, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to veterans' organizations and veterans in general.
- Committee on Public Assistance, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all matters affecting policies and expenditures for welfare and relief.

All committees of this council shall be appointed by the Mayor.

Rule 26. Notice of all committee meetings must be given at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time for meeting, but meetings may be held at any time by unanimous consent of all the members of the committee.

Rule 27. All reports and papers submitted to the city council shall be legibly written. The City Clerk or one of his assistants shall make copies of any papers to be reported by the committee, at the request of the chairman thereof.

Reports of all committees, whether by ordinance, resolve or otherwise, shall be made to the city council, and no report shall be received unless agreed to in committee actually assembled.

Rule 28. The Mayor shall be ex-officio chairman of any committee of which he is a member, and on all other committees the councillor first named shall be chairman, and in case of his resignation, or inability to serve, the member of the committee next in order shall be chairman.

MEMBERS' LOBBY

Rule 29. No person will be admitted within the rail in the city council chamber or in the members' lobby connected with said chamber at any meeting of the city council, except upon permission of the mayor.

HEARINGS

Rule 30. The time devoted to public hearings at any meeting of the city council shall not be more than two (2) hours at any one sitting. Any hearing not completed within the specified time may be continued to another meeting. Any individual, except attorneys at law, appearing before the city council at a public hearing and claiming to represent another as agent or otherwise in the matter being heard shall file with the city council a written authorization signed by the individual, organization or corporation whose interests such individual represents. Ten (10) minutes shall be allowed each speaker to express his views on the matter being heard by the city council.

In all hearings before the City Council the case of the petitioner shall be first submitted, except in matters affecting acceptance of highways or taking by right of eminent domain.

ORDINANCES, ORDERS, ETC.

Rule 31. All by-laws passed by the city council shall be termed ordinances, and the enacting style shall be, "Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Worcester." In all votes by which the city council expresses anything by order or command the form of expression shall be "Ordered," and in all votes by which the city council expresses

opinions, principles, facts, or purposes, the form shall be "Resolved,"

Rule 32. The City Clerk shall determine the newspaper of the city in which shall be published any loan order or any ordinance and said publication shall be made in each newspaper in regular order, beginning with the oldest publication.

Rule 33. Every ordinance and every order, resolution or vote shall after its passage remain in the possesion of the city clerk for thirty-six (36) hours after the day of meeting for the purpose of giving any councillor an opportunity to file notice of his intention to move reconsideration.

AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION

Rule 34. None of the foregoing rules and orders shall be suspended, amended or repealed at any meeting unless two-thirds of all the members of the council consent thereto.

No action is to be taken on any proposed amendment until the next regular meeting after the amendment has been proposed.

CUSHING'S LAW

Rule 35. The council shall be governed by "Cushing's Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies" in all questions of parliamentary practice not provided for by special rules or orders.

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